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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS COMMENTS ON ISRAELI PROPOSALS TO END STATE OF
BELLIGERENCY

1. LOCAL PRESS FEBRUARY 23 REPORTS WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF FEBRUARY 22 ISRAELI CABINET
MEETING CALLING FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO END STATE OF BELLIGERENCY
WITH ARAB STATES. AHAM CLAIMS THAT COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR
UN MEDIATION WITH ARAB STATES, BUT GUNHURIYYA AND AKHBAR
CORRECTLY STATE THAT ISRAELIS HAVE CALLED ON US FOR MEDIATION
EFFORTS.

2. GUMHURIYYA AND AKHBAR CONCLUDED STORIES ON ISRAELI
PROPOSALS WITH EDITORIAL COMMENT FIRMLY REJECTING IDEA OF
END TO STATE OF BELLIGERENCY, REPEATING STANDARD ARAB LINE
THAT ISRAELIS MUST WITHDRAW FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
AND RESTORE FULL RIGHTS OF PALESTINAINS. AHAM ALSO REPORTS
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ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER SUNDAY ISRAELI CABINET MEETING STATING THAT

ANY BILATERAL AGREEMENT REACHED WITH JORDAN CONCERNING
"CONCESSIONS" ON WEST BANK WOULD HAVE TO BE PRECEDED BY
ELECTIONS IN ISRAEL TO INSURE MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF THESE
CONCESSIONS.

3. COMMENT: LOCAL PRESS DOES NOT APPEAR TO TAKE ISRAELI
PROPOSALS ON NON-BELLIGERENCY SERIOUSLY AND TONE OF ARTICLES
GENERALLY MATTER-OF-FACT WITH FIRM EDITORIAL REJECTION
OF NON-BELLIGERENCY IDEA TACKED ON END OF ARTICLES. IT WOULD
APPEAR THAT AHAM COMMENT THAT ISRAELIS WISH UN INTERCESSION
ON NON-BELLIGERENCY IDEA MORE LIKELY A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR
THAN CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO CONCEAL ISRAELI REQUEST TO US, AS
OTHER DAILIES REPORT WITHOUT COMMENT FACT THAT ISRAELIS HAD
MADE REQUEST TO US.
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